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Memorandum of a conference in the office of the Secretary January 22, 1929, with Mr. Carl F. Whitham, of Chisana, Alaska, a mining engineer, interested to back up with the Board a petition from a group of Alaskan natives from the interior who want a day school and community center.

Mr. Whitham estimates an enrolment of pupils from seven to twenty years of age of between twenty-five and forty--probably nearer forty. He would think that a man and his wife could do this work with say both doing some teaching and making the combined school and home a center of community activity, with visits in the homes of the three villages.

He thinks the building could be put up and equipped with the labor and materials pledged by the Indians for approximately \$1,000., and estimates the running expenses per year at between \$3,500. and \$4,000.

ERV:MC

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A search of the files in the office of the Home Missions Council reveals the fact that a comity agreement, proposed by our own Dr. Marquis after his return from his extended trip to Alaska, was approved by the Home Missions Council some time before January, 1920 (see New Era Magazine, January, 1920, map page 19)

The division of territory as agreed upon places the Copper River Valley, the territory covered by the Indians petitioning a school, under the jurisdiction of the Episcopal Church. The Lower Copper River Valley to the south has been assigned the Baptist denomination, while the Presbyterians, with the exception of a few scattered stations in the extreme north and west, are confined to the narrow southeastern stretch of country bordering Canada.

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My dear Mr. Whitham:

I spent an hour this morning running down that comity agreement of which I spoke to you yesterday afternoon, and finally discovered through the office of the Home Missions Council, a council of all the protestant denominations doing mission work in this country, that a division of territory in Alaska had been made in 1919, at the suggestion of our own general secretary, Dr. John A. Marquis, following an extensive survey and visit to missions in that northern field.

In that comity agreement the Presbyterians were given the long, narrow strip of island territory from Sitka south. The Episcopal church has the interior down through the Copper River Valley south of Mt. Kimball and Paxton; and from this line south to Cordova, Anchorage and that whole Cook's Inlet section, the Baptists are in charge.

This discovery makes it utterly impossible for our denomination to answer the appeal of your group of Copper River Indians, even had it the money in hand to start work at once. I am now wondering if you would wish to plead their cause with the Episcopal Board, whose headquarters are at Fourth Avenue and 22nd Street. I should be very glad to introduce you to the secretary in charge of this work should you care to have me do so. Please let me know.

Please believe that I am very sorry to have events take the turn they have.

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Petition for Native Mission School
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We will donate all the labor required to erect the necessary mission and school buildings and will gather all our children together from seven to eighteen years of age that they may be taught. We have at our three Villages, Batzulnetas, Mentasta and Chistochina, located about thirty miles apart, over twenty-five children of school age and the neighboring families at Nabesna and Chisana will also send their children to the school.

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No schools or missions are now available for us. Several years ago we sent several of our boys to the Government School at Copper Center, 100 Miles to the west down the Copper river Valley, there, among strangers, lacking home care they became sick and destitute, we brought them back home and will not again send our young children so far away.

We make our living by hunting, fishing and trapping, should we move with our families closer to some school such as, Copper Center or the Mission at Tannana Crossing, 90 miles away, there would not be enough fish game and fur to sustain us and the people already living there, we would either starve or else become objects of charity, both undesirable ends.

Batzulnetas is the best situated place in the upper Copper river Valley for a mission school site, it is the largest native settlement in the region. Fish game and fur are plentiful and close by, good

timber for building is available. It has, open grass meadows with sandy loam soil for farming and clear spring water at all seasons of the year.

Our great desire is for a mission school at which not only our children may be educated but all of us can receive the benefits of religious teaching. Should it be impossible for you to found this mission school for us, please act as our agents with the proper Government department of education to the end that they may build a school for us at Batzulnetas.

Respectfully submitted this
20th day of November 1925

Chief Sandford Charlie
Batzulnetas - Via -
Gulkana Post Office
Alaska

Heads of families - Batzulnetas -
Chistochina and Mertasta - Alaska
Signatures.

- #1 [Signature]
- #2 [Signature]
- #3 [Signature]

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Signatures

#4 *Sheila Johnson*

#5 *Maggie Johnson*

#6 *Jessie Johnson*

#7 *Jessie Johnson*

#8 *Jessie Johnson*

#9 *Mary Johnson*

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105 East 22nd Street, New York, N. Y.

TELEPHONE GRAMERCY 2475

January 24, 1929

AN INTERDENOMINATIONAL BODY OF HOME
MISSION BOARDS AND SOCIETIES OF 26
PROTESTANT DENOMINATIONS, AS FOLLOWS:

Miss Edna R. Voss,
156 - 5th Avenue,
New York City

My dear Miss Voss:

From old records in this office it would seem that the Committee on Comity and Cooperation in its report to the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council, January 14-16, 1919 suggested a plan of cooperation in Alaska which was to be under the name of "The Associated Evangelical Churches of Alaska". This plan included a consideration of work in existing mission stations, extension or modification of work now in hand, allocation of responsibility and recommendations concerning the opening of new fields and also counsel concerning board appropriations.

In 1919 the Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council submitted the plan to the boards doing work in Alaska and it would seem from his statement that all the Protestant churches now working in Alaska approved the plan.

At the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council, January 13-15, 1920 Dr. deSchweinitz, chairman of the Central Committee on Alaska, stated as follows: "The recognition of zones of influence and responsibility fixed several years ago has been confirmed; and each denomination is asked specifically to appraise the value and efficiency of its own work in its territory, and to seek a coordination of its work with that of other bodies, calling in, when needed, a cooperative assistance of other bodies". He also reported that during the summer of 1919 Dr. Marquis made an extended tour of Alaska and at a meeting of the Committee on November 17th Dr. Marquis reported his observations and made recommendations

"relating to 24 places and topics, in regard to which action was taken by the Committee, and reported to the separate Boards in each case involved."

It would seem, therefore, that in 1919 the annual meeting approved the plan of cooperation which included allocation of responsibility and that in 1920 these recommendations were again confirmed and approved. I do not find, however, in any of these reports a detailed statement concerning geographical boundaries allocated to individual denominations.

Yours very truly,

HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL

A. M. Behrens



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22 EAST 38th. STREET

NEW YORK

Jan 25 - 1929

my Dear Miss Voss:

Your letter referring to the Council agreement as regards to Alaska Mission Territory reached me today. There is an Episcopalian mission at Tannana Crossing from which the missionary has been withdrawn, and it does not seem probable that they would start a new mission at Batzulnetas considering the fact they were forced to withdraw at Tannana Crossing. It seems a



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Shame that these
Indians at Bat-
zelutas should
have to do without a mission
because of an agreement
such as you mention.
I would suggest that the
matter be put up to the
Episcopalian Board like
this; that if they are unable
to start this mission at
Batzelutas, permission
be granted to the Presbyterian
Board to do so. The coming
agreement was no doubt
arrived at to avoid



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duplication of effort
in alaska mission
work, and as such
was right and just, but
that it should be the means
of depriving the natives of
mission school training is
unthinkable, and I firmly
believe the Episcopal-alian
Board of missions will see
it in that light.

Miss. Sheibley whom I
talked to her over the phone
told me you and herself
expected to be gone for a
while next week. I will
try and get together with



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on your return
and feel certain
a way will be

found to give these native
bears the mission they
have asked for. Thanking
you for the kind consideration
you have given this matter
in the past and feeling sure
that with your able help
in the future we will
meet with success

I beg to remain most
respectfully yours

Carl F. Whitman

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January 25, 1929

My dear Miss Behrens:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 24 in which you state so clearly just the thing we wanted to know relative to the comity agreement on Alaska between the various denominations.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss

ERV:MC Secretary

Miss A. M. Behrens
Home Missions Council
New York, New York

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January 28, 1929

My dear Mr. Wood:

The enclosed petition, accompanied by a letter from Mr. Carl F. Whitham, an engineer who has been working in Alaska in the Copper River Valley, will speak for itself. I have had a conference with Mr. Whitham and am much impressed with the urgency of this need of a small day school and community center for these people as he puts it up to us. I have explained to Mr. Whitham, however, that that part of Central Alaska is, according to a cession agreement subscribed to by our various denominations and approved by the Home Missions Council in 1911, territory in which the Protestant Episcopal Church works and that his appeal should be to you. I told Mr. Whitham further that I should be very glad indeed to introduce him to the Episcopal Board, but since he will be in the city only a few days longer, and I am leaving tonight for a meeting in Cleveland, I am introducing him by letter instead. Anything which you can do for Mr. Whitham when he calls will be much appreciated by your co-workers for the Kingdom, the Presbyterians.

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Mr. John W. Wood
Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church
New York, New York

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Feb. 11 - 1929

Dear Miss Voss:

I wish

to thank you for the kind letter of introduction you sent to Mr. Wood of the Episcopal Mission Board for me. The last word I had from Mr. Wood about a week ago was that the curate's agreement was not binding on his organization and therefore could be no objection to the Presbyterian Board starting a mission at Batzulnetas for the natives there.



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He, Mr. Wood further
stated that he
was intending to
take the matter up with
you and see if a plan
could not be devised
where by the two Boards
Presbyterian and Episcopal
could work jointly in the
forming of this proposed
mission. I surely hope
some favourable action
will be obtained that these
natives at Batzulueta be
not disappointed in their
desire for their own advancement.
Thanking you for all your kind
consideration I beg to remain
Sincerely yours
E. W. Whitham

2/13/29

Florence M. Goddard -
New York City N.Y.

Dear Miss Goddard -

I left Alaska over a year ago and during the past six months I have been giving an illustrated lecture on Alaska in the churches and schools. When I left Alaska I hoped to be able to raise money for a mission in interior Alaska but having to charge for my lecture made it impossible for me to solicit funds but I have been telling in the churches of the need of the natives and whites in interior Alaska and hoping that something would be done for them.

The logical place for a mission station is Gulkana on the Richardson Highway. A mission located there could serve the entire interior country.

The trading post with buildings and ground can be purchased and the store and road house would make it almost self supporting. The nearest road houses or trading posts are twenty five miles on each side. There are hundreds of tourists going through on the Richardson Highway every summer.

and I met a number of them, who are Presbyterian and many of them stopped at Gulkana over night and a mission station there would become better known through out the church than any we have in Alaska.

Gulkana is the center of one of the best trapping districts in the territory, the trading post at Gulkana taking in five thousand dollars worth of furs in one day. There is not a mission station of any kind along the 400 miles of the Richardson Highway - There were 36 native children of school age whose parents promised to send them to school and about the same number at Copper Center which is twenty five miles south of Gulkana on the Highway - There is a larger number at Butyulnetas, Mantasa and Chistochina but they could be better taken care of from a station at Gulkana. There is a large territory that could be easily served both summer and winter from Gulkana. The native village across the river could be developed in fact the natives told me that if I would come in and help them they would make that the largest village in the Yukon country

WALTER A. COUDEN
CORDOVA, ALASKA

many of the natives make from one to two thousand dollars during the winter by trapping.

I baptised babies and held services at several of the road houses, and know that the white people are anxious to have a mission established.

They offered to sell the trading post with road house, store, cabins for tourists, pumping plant for water supply for building and irrigation, two Jersey cows, truck and etc - for ten thousand dollars. Near by are some good buildings that were formerly occupied by the military telegraph station but are not in use now and I think they could be secured from the government.

I love Alaska and if you want some one to go and open up work there or make a survey, I will be glad to leave whatever I am doing to go up there. It seems to me that the logical thing to do would be to put some one on the field to make a thorough survey and see what could be done in the way of opening up work. I am inclosing some pictures - Your Brother, W.A.C.

374 Cornwall St Walter A. Couden
San Francisco
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February 13, 1929

My dear Mr. Couden:

Your letter relative to the establishment of a school and community center in central Alaska, in answer to my inquiry of January 2, has just come in. In the meantime several things have happened to make it impossible for the Board to open up work as has been requested. To begin with, the Division of Schools and Hospitals has received from the Board a budget over \$50,000. less than that allowed it a year ago. This alone would make the opening up of new work out of the question, but in addition to the financial handicap is the fact that we have learned through the Home Missions Council that the territory of the Copper River Valley and the communities adjacent to it are the responsibility of the Protestant Episcopal Church, through an agreement reached by the various denominations in 1919 or early in 1920.

I am returning the pictures of this section of Alaska, which we have all enjoyed thoroughly, and which have given us an excellent idea of conditions in that country.

Very sincerely yours

Enc.

ERV:MC

Assistant in the Division

Rev. Walter A. Couden
First Presbyterian Church
Cordova, Alaska

Commissary Department
District of Alaska
Seattle, Wash.

San Francisco, Calif.

Feb. 15, 1929.

My dear Mr. Wood:

This is in reference to the correspondence of Miss Anna R. Voss as in your letter of Feb: 2nd.

I do not know of any "Comity" agreement as agreed to in 1919 regarding this section of Alaska, and called Central Alaska, and the Indians of this section. As the Indians of this section looked to the Russian Church for their spiritual welfare, declared themselves as members of the same, I passed them up to the Russian Church. It was easy to do so as I had more than I could do elsewhere, and yet I longed to do something for the people, as the Russian Church was not doing anything.

The Govt. Bureau of Education undertook to do something. That "something" fizzled out.

What the few people want - a few families in communities separated by distances from each other of 30 miles, or so, is some education for their children. This can be given by the Bureau of Education better than by any Missionary Board. It is true that if a Missionary Board could provide a Boarding, Industrial School, and gather into it the children of the different small villages, the need would be met. But the Board of Education tried this - and failed. The Indians would not send their children away from them, so what can you do? Of course the other alternative is for the Bureau of Education to put a school in each village, a hopeless thing, as the children are so few in each village.

I know the conditions - I can understand Mr. Witham's plea etc. - but as a practical and rational undertaking, this should be done by the Govt. Bureau of Education in one central boarding school, or in a public school in each village. Then let such missionaries as are near by attend to the religious instructions etc.

If this "Central Alaska" need is laid on us, it is without my knowledge or consent. If the Presbyterians wish to venture on this work, then the field is free to them so far as I am concerned.

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Sincerely yours,

(Signed) P. T. Rowe

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Miss Edna R. Voss,
Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Voss:

I enclose a copy of Bishop Rowe's comment on the proposal and the petition kindly presented to us through you by Mr. Carl Witham. I am sorry to send any message that will be disappointing to him. Will you pass on to him the copy of Bishop Rowe's letter, or would you prefer that I should do so? I return the original correspondence to you.

Do you care to consider any approach to the Department of the Interior with regard to the possibility of the Bureau of Education establishing a school in the Copper River Valley?

You will notice that Bishop Rowe considers that the Presbyterian Board of National Missions is free to endeavor to meet the need in the Copper River Valley. In this view I fully concur.

With many thanks for your kindness in bringing the matter to our attention, I am

Sincerely yours,

John W. Wood
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Commissary Department
District of Alaska
Seattle, Washington

San Francisco, Calif.
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Very sincerely yours

Enc. Kana H. Voss
ERV:MC Secretary
Dictated by Miss Voss but
signed in her absence

Mr. John W. Wood, Episcopal
Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church
New York, New York

81-1
March 5, 1929

My dear Mr. Wood:

I held up your letter of February 26, relative to the petition from a group of Alaskan Indians of the Copper River Valley for a school, until Mr. Whitham, who first brought to our attention the need of these people, should come into the office. He was in this morning and read Bishop Rowe's letter to you. Mr. Whitham is heartily in favor of our approaching the Bureau of Education for a Bureau Day School for these people.

If supplementary to such a school we can place a Christian community worker it would seem to me an excellent plan for our two Boards to join in a petition to the Bureau of Education in Washington for such a school, and I should like very much, sometime between the fifteenth of March and the first of April, to talk this matter over with you if you are going to be in the city.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss

Secretary

ERV:MC

Mr. John W. Wood

Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church

Fourth Avenue & 22nd Street

New York, New York

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March 12, 1929

My dear Dr. Wood:

Miss Voss has asked me to tell you that she will be very glad to see you at 2:30 p.m. Friday, March 15.

Very sincerely yours

Elsie B. Cook
Office Secretary

Dr. John W. Wood
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New York City
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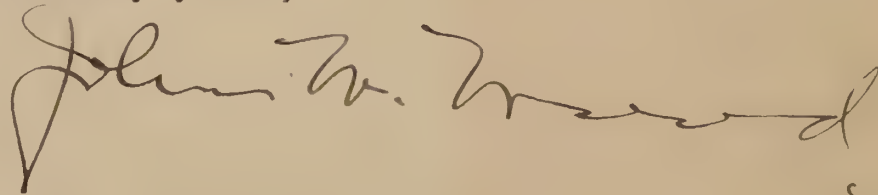
Miss Edna R. Voss
156 Fifth Avenue

My dear Miss Voss:

Thank you for your interesting letter of March 5th. I expect to be in New York part of the time between the dates you name. I shall be away from March 23 - 27. I would suggest as satisfactory dates March 15 or March 18, preferably about 2.30 p. m. I shall be glad to come to your office.

Sincerely yours,

JWW:MC



2:30 p.m. Feb 15

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July 3, 1929

My dear Mr. Whitham:

Miss Voss has just started for her vacation and she asked me to write to you in regard to the status of the petition in connection with the school for Indians in the Copper River Valley.

Unfortunately we have no definite information to give you at this time but we did want you to know that a joint appeal was sent to the Bureau of Education in Washington from the Board of the Protestant Episcopal Church and our Board of National Missions. We have been advised by Dr. Wood of the Episcopal Board who forwarded this petition that up to the present time no reply has been received. We sincerely hope that some favorable action will be taken by the Bureau of Education and as soon as we have any definite word we shall let you know.

Very sincerely yours

Assistant in the Division

Mr. Carl Witham
Chisana, Alaska
FMG/J

June 27, 1929

My dear Dr. Wood:

In my absence from the office this spring Miss Scott wrote you of the action which our Board had taken approving a joint appeal with your Board petitioning the United States Bureau of Education in Washington to establish a day school for the Indians of the villages of Batzulnetas, Chistochina and Mentasta in the Copper River Valley in central Alaska.

Miss Scott was evidently under the impression that you would forward to Washington the joint appeal, but since we have heard nothing relative to this I am wondering if you expect us to make a separate appeal to reinforce yours. As Miss Scott is in Havana, attending the Cuban Congress, and as I have had inquiries from friends of these Indians, I am appealing to you for information. I shall very much appreciate knowing if you have heard from Washington and also whether our petition went in with yours.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss
Secretary

ERV:MC

Dr. John W. Wood
281 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York

24-1
June 28, 1929

Memorandum to Miss Goddard

You will see from the attached correspondence that I have written Dr. Wood asking just how the petition to the Bureau of Education was handled. The correspondence between Miss Scott and Dr. Wood does not reveal this information nor is there any other information which would indicate whether our petition was sent through Dr. Wood or direct.

When the information comes in if it shows that this Board really has sent a petition to the Bureau of Education in Washington either separately or through Dr. Wood's office and no answer has been received will you write a little note to Mr. Carl Whitham (you will find his full name and Alaskan address in the files or through Miss Sheibley) telling him that I have gone on vacation and that I wished him to know the status of the matter.

Edna R. Voss

Edna R. Voss
Secretary

ERV:MC

C. H. Brown
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May 6, 1929

My dear Dr. Wood:

Confirming our telephone conversation I am sending you the action of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. regarding the request that the United States Bureau of Education open day schools in the Copper River Valley.

"Alaska--Government Day School. To approve the request that the Board join with the Board of the Protestant Episcopal Church in petitioning the United States Bureau of Education in Washington to establish a day school for the Indians of the villages of Batzulnetas, Chistochina, and Mentasta in the Copper River Valley in central Alaska."

We hope that the Bureau of Education will consider the joint appeal of the two Boards and meet the great need of these Indians.

Very sincerely yours

Anna M. Scott
Assistant Secretary
Dr. John A. Wood
281 Fourth Avenue
New York, N. Y.
A.S./P

9/1/29
Miss Scott
Memorandum Advisory Committee

Copy

April 3, 1929

The Committee voted:

ALASKA - GOVERNMENT DAY SCHOOL. To approve the request that the Board join with the Board of the Protestant Episcopal Church in petitioning the United States Bureau of Education in Washington to establish a day school for the Indians of the villages of Batzulnetas, Chistochina and Mentasta in the Copper River Valley in central Alaska.

Where is Dr. Divies' letter? Is he writing the Superintendent a letter? The Superintendent is Mr. Wagner in Seattle. I thought our Bd. would join with the Episcopal Bd in a joint request to the Bureau of Ed. in Washington D.C.

Wouldn't it be well to call up Dr. Wood to ask if his Bd passed a resolution on April 23 and tell him over did on April 25 - There is my absence from the office you might get him to address the petition to the Washington office - Sending him a copy of our action
E.P.D.

April 18, 1929

My dear Dr. Wood:

Miss Voss is ill and has been out of the office for a few days. We are holding your letter of April 15 and also the copy of the letter from Bishop Rowe for her attention when she returns.

We hope that the Board next week will pass the action of Staff Council asking the Bureau of Education to establish a school on the Copper River.

Miss Voss will be especially interested in what you tell us about the Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan. During the month of February I visited our hospital and was very much pleased with the work of the missionaries. We are anxious to have some interns in the hospital from Continental America and we would like to have young men who are planning to go to the Foreign field and could use their training in tropical medicine which they would get at the Presbyterian Hospital to advantage in some countries. If you have any young medical students who would be interested in an internship we should be glad to have them write us.

Very sincerely yours

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My dear Miss Voss:

I am enclosing for your information copy of
Bishop Rowe's letter of March 20th.

On April 4th I had the pleasure of visiting the
Presbyterian Hospital at San Juan and spent a very pleasant
and profitable hour with Dr. Galbraith. He certainly is en-
thusiastic about the backing he receives from the Presby-
terian Board and appreciates it deeply. He says it would be
impossible to carry on such an institution as you have there
without such generous and intelligent cooperation as you
give at the home end.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Wood

JWW:MC

C O P Y

418 Mutual Life Building
Seattle, Wash.

March 20, 1929

My dear Mr. Wood:

I have your telegram in reference to a school among the Copper River Indians. Acting on the same, I am writing the Superintendent of the Bureau of Education. I will let you have his reply. I fully expect ~~XX~~ it to be negative. However we will see.

Then I had to write him in reference to the appointment of teachers at Tanana and Eagle. He has been arbitrary in the past, but I shall try to get him to be reasonable and comply with the conditions that at first prevailed.

Again we have built a school at Minto. There are 50 or more children. I want the Bureau of Education to appoint a teacher upon our recommend, and pay the salary. I am glad the new Commissioner of Education for the U. S., a Mr. Cooper, is a Churchman. I have met him.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) P. T. ROWE

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July 3, 1929

My dear Dr. Wood:

In Miss Voss' absence I am acknowledging your letter of July 2 in regard to the appeal which was sent to the Bureau of Education in Washington in regard to the establishing of a school for Indians in the Copper River valley. We note that you have received no reply up to the present time and that you will notify us just as soon as word does come in. We do hope that this appeal will be effective and that some further action will be taken regarding the matter.

Very sincerely yours

Assistant in the Division

Dr. John W. Wood
National Council
Department of Missions
281 Fourth Avenue
New York, New York
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Miss Edna R. Voss,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

My dear Miss Voss:

Replying to your letter of June 27th, Miss Scott is correct in thinking that I forwarded to Washington, the joint appeal of both boards, petitioning the Bureau of Education to establish a day school for the Indians of the Copper River Valley in Alaska. No reply has come as yet. You may be sure that as soon as a reply does come, I shall let you know what it is.

Sincerely yours,

John W. Wood

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Nabesna Alaska
via Sulkana Alaska

Miss Edna R. Voss

Aug. 8. 1929

156. - 5th Ave

New York N.Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

Your letter of March 19. just came to hand this last mail July 12th. I believe was misplacement of a mail sack at Sulkana P.O. which is only way can account for the long time to reach me.

The first thing about that the Batzulutas Chief asked me when I came by there in April was about the mission. I assured him that your good people back there were doing your utmost and that while was too late to put in a mission school this spring I felt sure they would have one ready by the next summer. These people sure do need a mission.

If our Alaska Delegate in Wash. D.C. can be of any assistance to you in

getting the Bureau of education
to put in a day school I feel sure
he will help in any way possible
if you ask him.

I am as you perhaps realize pretty
much out of touch with things in here
and will not get out to Seattle again
until about Nov. 1st but if at any time
there is anything I can do to help out
in this proposition I would esteem it
a great pleasure and privilege to
be called on. Thanking you
for your kind communication I
beg to remain most sincerely
yours

Carl F. Whitman

Chisana Alaska

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October 3, 1929

Miss Edna R. Voss
156 Fifth Avenue, City

My dear Miss Voss:

Forgive my delay in acknowledging your letter of
September 16th. I have been almost constantly out of the
office.

I am sorry that so far as I can see there is nothing
further that we can do with the Bureau of Education in
Washington in connection with a possible school for the
Indians of the Copper River Valley.

I hope you will feel entirely free to take any action
in the matter that seems to you wise and necessary.

Sincerely yours,

JWW:MC

John W. Wood

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September 16, 1929

My dear Dr. Wood:

Here is a copy of a letter just received from Mr. Carl Whitham, who you may remember was eager to have some kind of school work started for the Indians of the Copper River Valley. I wonder if it would be at all possible for us to jog the office of the Bureau of Education in Washington. What do you think?

Very sincerely yours

Enc.
ERV:MC

Edna R. Vose
Secretary

Dr. John W. Wood
281 Fourth Ave.
New York, New York

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October 7, 1929

Mr. L. A. Kalbach
Acting Commissioner of Education
Bureau of Education
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Kalbach:

Last spring the Board of National Missions joined with the Department of Missions of the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church in an appeal to the United States Bureau of Education to establish an elementary day school for several groups of Indians in the Coal River Valley of Alaska, who have petitioned our Boards for a school. Dr. John W. Wood of the Episcopal Board writes me that he has heard nothing from the Bureau of Education in regard to this proposition. Can you tell me if the matter has been acted upon and what the chances are of any help being given these Indians through the Bureau of Education. Neither the Episcopal Board nor ours is, at this time, able to undertake the work petitioned.

Very sincerely yours

Edna R. Voss
Secretary

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF EDUCATION
WASHINGTON

ADDRESS ONLY
THE COMMISSIONER OF EDUCATION

November 7, 1929.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Secretary, Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Voss:

In my letter of May 15, 1929, to Dr. John W. Wood, with reference to the establishment of a school for the natives of three villages in the Copper River Valley, in the central school district of Alaska, I stated that the Bureau of the Budget and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, whose decisions determine the schools to be established in Alaska by the Office of Education, require that each item in an estimate submitted must be supported by explicit and detailed information thereon, and I requested Doctor Wood to be so kind as to send me a statement of the total native population that would be benefited by the school desired, the number of pupils that would attend the school, and any other facts that would show the necessity for the school.


I forwarded to Mr. Jonathan H. Wagner, Chief of the Alaska Division of the Office of Education, Seattle, Washington, Doctor Wood's reply of May 31 for his consideration in connection with the estimates for the support of the schools in Alaska during the fiscal year July 1, 1930 to June 30, 1931.

In transmitting his estimates, Mr. Wagner made the following statement:

"From various sources, information has been received that schools should be established at certain villages in the Central District, but insufficient detailed information regarding the permanency of the settlements and the number to be served has been received on which to base a definite recommendation that schools be established. This matter will be investigated during the present year."

The Office of Education maintains a school at Chitina, in the Copper River Valley, at which a teacher and nurse are employed. I appreciate your interest in requesting that an additional school be established in that region, and your request will be borne in mind.

Very truly yours,



Commissioner.

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November 14, 1929

Mr. W. John Cooper
Commissioner of Education
United States Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Cooper:

Your letter of November 7
addressed to Miss Anna K. Voss has been
received. Miss Voss is visiting some
of our mission schools in the West so
we shall hold your letter for her at-
tention when she returns. We know that
she will be interested to learn that
the question of more schools in the Copper
River Valley is being investigated.

Very sincerely yours

Anna K. Scott
Assistant Secretary

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December 11, 1929

My dear Mr. Witham:

I think you will be interested in this letter received from Dr. Cooper in Washington, relative to the establishment of school work in the Copper River Valley of Alaska. I am wondering if it would not be a good plan for you to write directly to Dr. Cooper, making as strong a plea as possible for consideration. It may be that Dr. Wood sent on some of the material with which you supplied us, but I rather doubt that. In any case an additional plea from you could do no harm and it may turn the scales.

With every good wish, I am

Very sincerely yours

Enc.

ERV:MC

Edna R. Voss

Secretary

Mr. Carl Witham
Chisana, Alaska

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HOTEL FRYE

"Service with a Smile"

DAN W. BASS AND P. H. WATT
MANAGERS

SEATTLE'S FAVORITE HOTEL

SEATTLE

Jan 12 - 1920.

my dear Miss Toss:

I am in receipt of your letter of Dec 11th and thank you for same. my plans are such that I will not get back to New York this winter so will miss the pleasure of seeing you personally.

I had been in great hopes that some definite plans would have been arrived at by your board for the belt of these natives around the head of the Copper River Valley

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I feel that a mission school
will be much more helpful
to them in their present
stage of development than
a Bureau of education
school would be. There
is no doubt in my mind but
that if your board would
institute a mission school
among these natives the
Bureau of education would
in a short length of time
also institute a day school
to supplement the mission
work.

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I thank you for the suggestion to write St. Croix and will do so very shortly. My personal business requires me to return to Alaska the 15th of this month and am sorry that I cannot give as much attention to the needs of these natives as would like to but I feel that their case is in good hands with you and your people and that your efforts will produce results for them in the near future.

With very best regards to you I am sincerely yours,
Carl F. Williams

Seattle, Washington,
January 13, 1930.

Mr. John Cooper,
Bureau of Education,
Interior Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Cooper:

I am in receipt of a copy of your letter to Miss Edna R. Voss, Secretary of the Presbyterian Board, National Missions, of date of November 7, 1929. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to the Presbyterian Board about a year ago with reference to establishing a Mission School for these natives in the region around the headwaters of the Copper River Valley.

That these natives need a school there is no doubt, nor can there be any doubt as to the benefit that would result from the establishing of such a school.

The most ideal plan to my mind would be the placing at Batzulnetas of a day school by the Bureau of Education, supplemented by mission school work and religious teaching by a teacher from one of the Mission Boards.

The natives of this section sent a petition to the Presbyterian Board of Missions pleading for such a school and mission work to be given to them. This original petition is either in the hands of Miss Voss of the Presbyterian Mission Board, or Dr. Wood of the Episcopal Mission Board. I wish very much you would have a copy of this petition sent to you as it explains the attitude and aspirations of these natives.

The letter I am enclosing gives many details regarding the natives and the region where the mission school is desired to be placed. This may be useful to you so am sending a copy of it to you in case you did not receive a copy of the petition from Miss Voss or Dr. Wood.

Hoping that favorable action may be given the request of these natives in the near future, I am,

Sincerely yours,

CARL F. WHITHAM,
Nabesna, via Gulkana,
Alaska.

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Seattle, Washington,
January 13, 1930.

Miss Edna R. Voss,
Secretary, Board of National Missions
of the Presbyterian Church,
156 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Voss:

In compliance with your suggestion
in your letter of December 11th, I have written
Mr. Cooper a letter, copy of which I am enclosing
to you.

You will notice that I mention
in the letter to him the original petition which
the natives sent to you. If he has not already
seen that petition or had a copy of it, I think
it would be nice if you could arrange to send a
copy to him.

Would appreciate it very much if you
would keep me posted as to what progress is being
made.

With kindest regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Carl F. Whitham

Carl F. Whitham,
Nabesna, via Gulkana, Alaska.

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January 21, 1930

My dear Mr. Whitham:

Thank you so much for writing to Commissioner Cooper of the Board of Education in Washington. I shall let you know at once when we hear anything of importance. Our Budget Committee has just handed our budgets down to us. Unfortunately there is no leeway in them for the coming year for new work.

Since the petition was sent by the Episcopal Board I am not sure that a copy of the original petition went to the Commissioner of Education, but am inclined to think it did.

You may be interested to know that all of the denominations have gotten together in a special Advisory Committee under our Home Missions Council for Alaska--a committee composed of those of us who are actually administering work there. It might be that a little later when this committee has begun to function, we might put on a piece of inter-denominational work in the Copper River Valley, that is, several of us who haven't the necessary funds, in this period of depression, to do the work alone going together to put it on. At any rate I want you to know that we are still interested.

Very sincerely yours

ERV:MC

Mr. Carl F. Whitham
Nebesna, via Gulkana
Alaska

Edna R. Voss
Secretary

Dictated by Miss Voss but signed in her absence